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To: Field, Jeff; Gravatt, Dan; Hoefer, David; Asher, Audrey
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Thank you,
Julie

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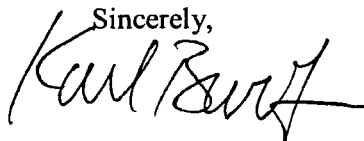
Ms. Kay Drey
515 West Point Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Dear Ms Drey:

I appreciate you taking time to chat with me before the December 16 West Lake Landfill Site CAG meeting. Our conversation was a little more leisurely than the brief exchange at the June 25th public meeting at Pattonville High School, and got me thinking that I should explore your thoughts about productive future conversations between this agency and members of the community who are interested in the West Lake Landfill Site.

The Environmental Protection Agency in Region 7 has used a long and varied list of public engagement methods to gather community views about remediating contaminated sites. As you know, the agency has regularly supplied answers to written questions from elected officials and organized community groups, such as the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. Region 7's Office of Public Affairs, led by community coordinator Debbie Kring, has held formal and informal briefings for interested citizens, media representatives, and local government officials. And on a fairly regular basis, Region 7 senior leaders with West Lake responsibilities, including Superfund Division Director Cecilia Tapia and I, have convened larger public meetings, such as those at the Pattonville High School and the IAM Hall.

Each remediation project in Region 7 is somewhat distinct and unique, and so this agency has used various public formats at different times, including those required by laws that EPA implements. With Ms. Kring retiring soon, I want to continue improving and adapting EPA's record of active engagement with St. Louis people interested in the West Lake Landfill Site. I recall you asking me at Pattonville High if I had experience with public meetings, and I smiled (inside, at least) when I recalled the dozens of public meetings I have organized and attended when serving as a state senator, NGO staff director, and now in my current capacity as Regional Administrator. Certainly, I can always consider different methods, and would appreciate you calling my office at 913-551-7006, to arrange a phone conversation in the New Year about possible meeting options going forward in 2014, as this agency handles various phases of its responsibilities at the West Lake Landfill Site.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

